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Mission: The mission of HathiTrust is to contribute to research, scholarship, and the common good by collaboratively collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating, and sharing the record of human knowledge.

Vision: HathiTrust will be a vital catalyst for emerging forms of research, teaching, and learning that engage the scholarly and cultural record.

What does HathiTrust do?

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By the Numbers

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State systems represented: 5

Institutions supporting infrastructure and operations of HathiTrust: 4

(California Digital Library, Indiana University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan)

HathiTrust core staff: 12

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- 8,433,192 unique book titles
- 471,837 serial titles
- 6,118,389,200 pages

- 782 terabytes
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- 14,203 tons
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